

Northern Virginia MR/MI Work Group Meeting

February 4, 2004

The Northern Virginia MR/MI Work Group met on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at the Northern Virginia Training Center, Building 4.

Attending:

Mark S. Diorio, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, NVTC
Jessica Burmester, Board Member, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Sue Gross, Consultant, Applied Behavioral Concepts, Inc.
Fred Firestone, MR Case Mgmt Supervisor, Loudoun County CSB
Russell Garth, Parent & Board of Arc of Northern Virginia
Leslie Katz, LCSW, Director of Social Work, NVTC
Cynthia Koshatka, MH Manager, Fairfax CSB/MH Northwest Center
Nancy Mercer, Executive Director, The Arc of Northern Virginia
Brian Miller, Director, MR Services, Prince William County CSB
E. Geronimo Robinson, C.A.S., Assistant Director, Res. Ser., Alexandria CSB
Pat Vinson, President, Job Discovery, Inc.
Alan Wooten, Director, MR Services, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB
Joanna Wise-Barnes, MR/DD, State Systems Coordinator, Arlington CSB

Chairman Mark Diorio convened the meeting at 1315.

The November 5, 2003 minutes were accepted by the work group as written.

Work group members reviewed *Training Issues* as noted on page 2 of the November 5 minutes:

- Mark has asked Dr. Becker, NVTC's Medical Director, to contact medical directors at area hospitals to discuss interest of emergency staff training on MR/MI profiles. Mark will also bring up training opportunities at the No VA Private Hospital Workgroup meeting to determine their interests/needs.
- Brian will contact Carol Peterson from Service Source regarding interest in regional dual diagnosis training. Mark stated that NVTC would consider hosting teleconferences and polycoms in an effort to share resources in this area.
- Nancy was able to access information for a possible flyer and distributed to work group members. Russell and Nancy will work on one or two pages of information as the first step in developing a brochure. This information will be given to Mark who will ask his Volunteer Services staff to format into a draft brochure for the work group to review.
- Brian framed a service model to address ways of doing business using revenues and other resources. Thirteen out of 39 services boards responded to Brian's survey questionnaire. Brian considered this to be a work in progress, as he will continue to gather data for this chart as additional responses are received.
- Jelena and Susan were to provide the work group with ideas on crisis stabilization and documents that may make it easier to subsidize. Jelena was not able to attend this meeting but did leave a message stating that she will present this information at the next work group meeting.

Mark distributed the Definition of Psychopathology as defined in the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research, Volume 47, Supplement I, pp 6 & 13 to members present. Mark stated that JIDR is doing quite a bit of research in this area.

The work group discussed the possibility of coordinating training packages such as training for police officers. Nancy said that she would like to eventually see a web site with training information and identifying information regarding MR and MI characteristics.

Mark informed the group that Johannes has completed the Autism web based training for the Statewide Autism Planning Council and a pilot is being run. This training is being provided for parents, providers and direct care staff throughout the state. He will provide the group with information brochures at the next meeting. Mark will follow-up with Johannes about the possibility of pulling something together for MR/DD web based training.

Mark reminded work group members that they were to review this Workgroup's final report that was sent to Richmond last year; specifically, the 7 pages of recommendations to choose priority recommendations. To date, Mark has heard from only 3 work group members on this task. He asked that those members who have not yet done this, to go ahead and review in preparation for the next meeting.

Nancy suggested that the group contact the Criminal Justice Academy to find out if they could add an additional 2 hours of MR training to their classes. Mark will call Ms. Daniels at number given to him at the meeting (703-532-3214, ext. 215).

Geronimo informed members that he is formulating a round table discussion regarding issues of people with mental illness and co-occurring problems. This round table discussion will take place at an international conference in France next June. He encouraged work group members who may be interested in participating in the conference to contact him. Nancy suggested that he review the work group's report and use that as a focus of discussion.

The next work group meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at 1:30 to 3:30 PM, in Building 4, NVTC**. Mark asked that work group members remember to:

- (1) Prioritize recommendations from the work group plan, and
- (2) Think of what impact the group has made thus far (i.e., work group report is part of the State Plan for DD).

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Diorio, Ph.D., M.P.H., Chairman

Date